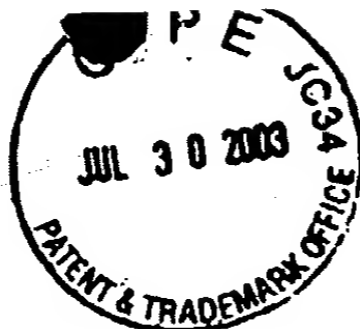


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**I. REAL PARTY IN INTEREST**

The real party in interest is Seagate Technology LLC.

**II. RELATED APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

Appellants are unaware of any related Appeal or Interference.

**III. STATUS OF CLAIMS**

Claims 1 through 9, all pending claims, have been finally rejected. It is from the final if